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Re: Application/Control Number 10/624969

Subj: COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Attn. Stephen G. Sherman, Examiner

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The inventor contends that the limitations claimed in this invention are more restrictive and unique than you found in your "REASON FOR ALLOWANCE". I request that you consider the further limitations claimed in the attached "COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE" and allow these further limitations as protected intellectual property within the Licensed Patent Rights of this patent.

Sincerely,

Stanley A. Peickert, Inventor

COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The primary reason for the allowance of the patent for this invention is the limitation in independent Claims 24 and 28 of the base having a vertical tab rising from one of the oval shaped deck and a vertical shortwall rising around the perimeter slightly inset from the outside edge of the horizontal deck not found singularly or in combination within previous art. The inventor contends that there are two further limitations contained in dependent Claims 30 and 31 that make this art unique and are not found singularly or in combination within previous art.

Claim 31 states that "the molded plastic covering shell is generally egg-shaped configured to fit into the palm cavity of the relaxed hand in the natural position supporting all the inner surfaces of the palm and fingers with the weight of the hand entirely supported on the metacarpal region of the hand". This kind of comfortable and evenly distributed support of the hand is not found singularly or in combination within previous art.

Claim 30 states that the configuration of the six switch actuators are uniquely arranged "permitting independent and simultaneous use of all six actuators". No other previous art allows a single hand to manipulate six input switches independently and simultaneously. This limitation is not found singularly or in combination within previous art.